

AL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
Broadcast Information Branch

Foreign Broadcast Information Branch furnishes world-wide monitoring coverage of foreign radio broadcasts of foreign nations, and prepares and distributes to intelligence agencies transcripts of the information so obtained, thereby providing a common service to Government agencies for the collection of military, economic, political, diplomatic, propaganda, news, personal, and other intelligence.

A complete and current schedule of foreign radio broadcasts according to type, country, city, time, frequency, and language is maintained. Approximately [] known foreign voice transmitters broadcast an estimated 10,000,000 words daily.

Through field stations located at []

[] staffed with radio engineers, linguists, and editors, the FBIB obtains daily coverage of 2,000,000 words in 88 languages and dialects.

The programs having been scheduled, intercepted, monitored, recorded, and translated, a selected 120,000 words of significant intelligence intercepts is filed daily via teletype to Washington.

The FBIB in Washington further selects, collates, summarizes and distributes the transcript received. 8000 words daily of condensed intercepts are immediately upon receipt transmitted simultaneously via teletype to ID, WDGS, ONI, ORE, Research and Intelligence of the State Department, and the Federal Reserve Board. Likewise, 30,000 words are transmitted daily to IBD of the State Department in New York. Approximately 1,000 copies of mimeographed daily reports of approximately 75,000 words each containing intercepts received in Washington by 8:00 a.m. are distributed to Washington addresses by 8:00 p.m. Special mimeographed reports containing summaries and factual analyses of broadcasts on selected subjects, such as World Radio Reactions to President Truman's speech asking for Aid to Greece and Turkey, are published and distributed as dictated by current intelligence requirements.

In addition, intercepts at Field Stations are furnished immediately to local American officials in []

Through this technical, highly specialized, complex operation, the FBIB collects and disseminates a vast amount of up-to-the-minute intelligence faster than is possible through any other medium, if at all.

EXAMPLE OF TYPE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

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1. **Speedy Operational Results---**It was via FBIB, picking up a rebel radio station [] that the War Department learned that military equipment, including jeeps, trucks, uniforms, etc., []

2. **Important Intelligence Information Not Duplicated from Other Sources---**

On 24 October 1946, the FBIB reported a Moscow Home Service broadcast recording the seasonal closing of the White-Sea-Baltic Canal, a key link in USSR transportation.

3. **Flying Projectiles---**A number of radio intercepts provided by FBIB from a

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number of sources, [] served to expand the body of information on "mysterious" flying projectiles or rockets reported to have been observed between July and October 1946, not only in the [] but also in other parts of Europe.

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4. **Communist Activities in Latin America---**The FBIB on 28 March 1947 intercepted a [] press dispatch purporting to give details on the organization of 20 Communist shock brigades in the Federal District (Rio) and on industrial sabotage activities in case of a war between the U. S. and Russia.

5. **Soviet Arctic Information---**A TASS dispatch, made available by FBIB in February 1947 helped to identify a Port Dixon on the Siberian coast east of the mouth of the Yenisei River and to clear up allusions to a Dixon Island.

6. The FBIB recently furnished broadcast material to the Federal Reserve Board on the British loan to Hungary and the negotiations for a cotton loan between Egypt and Hungary. This information was not available to Federal Reserve operations from any other source in time for them to make use of it.

7. **Keeping Tab on Latin-American Political Exiles---**The FBIB is frequently the only source of information the U. S. Government has on the activities of Latin-American personages who have been exiled for political reasons. An example is radio discussions of the activity of Lopez Contreras and other Venezuelans; also Paz Estenssoro of Bolivia.

8. **Documents Speedily Received---**The Polish Yugoslav Treaty of Alliance was broadcast 21 March 1946. Text from other sources did not reach Washington intelligence agencies until late in April. The full text of the Yugoslav Constitution was broadcast on 4 December 1945. U. S. representatives were not able to forward a similar text to Washington until late in March 1946. The FBIB was the only source which promptly gave

the full text of the Polish-Soviet Treaty of Alliance. The FBIB was the only source which promptly gave the full text of the Yugoslav Constitution. The FBIB was the only source which promptly gave the full text of the British ultimatum dated 9 December 1946. Similar speedy dissemination was effected with respect to the draft of the Bulgarian Constitution and the Yugoslav-Albanian Treaty.